Sherry Youngblood 42 Heather Dr. Rochester, NY 14625 March 24, 1999

2229 '99 MAY 17 P3:18

Michael Friedman, M. D. Commissioner, FDA Dockets Management Branch Room 1-23 12420 Parklawn Dr. Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Friedman:

It has come to my attention that a petition, docket number 98P-0151/CP1; will shortly be coming to your attention. This petition deals with the status of downed animals for slaughter and human comsumption.

If this petition is approved it would classify these downed animals as unfit for sale. This would remove the incentive for farmers to prolong the suffering of these animals both in transport and at the slaughter facility.

I am urging you to approve this petition.

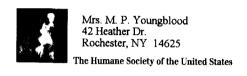
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sherry Youngblood

Q8P-0151

@2169







16-70

Michael Friedman Commissioner, FDA Dockets Management Branch Room 1-23 12420 Parklawn Dr. Rockville, MD 20857